

**MINUTES OF THE
NATURAL RESOURCES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
January 24, 2003
Room 305, State Capitol**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Thomas Hatch, Co-Chair
Rep. David Ure, Co-Chair
Sen. Parley Hellewell
Rep. Craig W. Buttars
Rep. Carl W. Duckworth
Rep. Ben C. Ferry
Rep. James R. Gowans
Rep. Michael Noel
Rep. Brent D. Parker
Rep. Darin G. Peterson
Rep. Michael R. Styler

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Sen. Ron Allen

STAFF PRESENT: Steven Allred, Fiscal Analyst
Sharron Corelli, Committee Secretary

VISITORS: Attached to and made a part of these minutes

Chair David Ure called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m..

MOTION: Rep. Gowans moved to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2002 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Styler absent for the vote.

Steven Allred, Fiscal Analyst, reviewed the tentative schedule the committee will be following during the Legislative session. He then gave a brief overview of the Fiscal Year 2004 budget situation.

Chair Ure introduced Commissioner Cary Peterson and invited him to introduce his staff. Bob Morgan, Director of Department of Natural Resources, also introduced some of his staff.

Mr. Peterson distributed a handout and discussed departmental status and concerns in the following areas:

1. Safety inspection of food and beverage
2. Laboratory capacity and equipment
3. Technological support and delivery system
4. Metrology certification and inspection
5. Animal health and safety
6. Critical resource land improvement and retention
7. Critical watershed improvement and protection
8. Quality of life, health and safety

Assisting in the departmental presentation were Renee Matsuura, Director of Administrative Services; Kyle Stephens, Associate Director of the Department of Agriculture and Food; Dr. Chris Crnick, Director of Regulatory Services Division.

Answering questions of the committee members were:

Dick Wilson, Director, Division of Plant Industry

Mike Marshall, State Veterinarian

Randy Parker, Director, Agriculture Marketing/Conservation

The Analyst reviewed with the committee increases and changes in fees assessed by the department. The committee had extensive discussion regarding these proposed increases and changes in fees.

Mr. Allred presented a total budget for the Department of Agriculture and Food of \$14,816,600. The Analyst's recommendations for line items are as follows:

General Administration `	\$11,655,700
Building Operations	\$252,800
Predatory Animal Control	\$1,313,200
Resource Conservation	\$1,280,800
Loan Program	\$314,100
DP Internal Service Fund	\$280,000

Rep. Peterson expressed a conflict of interest.

It was decided by the committee voting would be deferred until all the budgets have been considered.

Rep. David Ure, Co-Chairman

Sen. Thomas Hatch, Co-Chairman